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**GOV. EASLEY'S STATEMENT CONCERNING THE DEATH OF FORMER
STATE SEN. JAMES SPEED OF FRANKLIN COUNTY**

RALEIGH - "I am saddened at the news of the passing of former state Sen. Jim Speed. During his service in the General Assembly, particularly in the Senate as Chairman of the Agriculture and Transportation committees, he was committed to helping farmers and making sure the state did all it could to help them be effective in growing and marketing their crops and livestock. While he received many well-deserved honors during his long lifetime, his legacy of service to agriculture and to our farmers will endure."

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